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SUBJECT: MOROCCAN NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED

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1. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND MOROCCO UNDER THE EC'S "GLOBAL" MEDITERRANEAN POLICY WERE COMPLETED ON JAN 8 ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS PENDING EC COUNCIL APPROVAL PER REFTEL. CONCLUSION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WAS REACHED LARGELY AS A RESULT OF THE COMMUNITY'S FINAL OFFER OF CONCESSIONS, INCLUDING DUTY FREE QUOTA FOR WINE (50,000 HECTOLITRES) AND MAGHREB CUMULATION ON RULES OF ORIGIN FOR PREFERENTIAL IMPORTS INTO THE EC. WE WILL SUBMIT A FULL UPDATING OF THE CONTENTS OF THE ACCORD AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE COPIES OF THE TEXT WHICH WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED BY THE COMMISSION ASAP.

2. THE ALGERIANS ARE NOW DUE TO MEET WITH THE COMMISSION NEGOTIATORS ON WEDNESDAY, JAN 14. OUR COMMISSION AND PERMDEL
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CONTACTS ARE DIVIDED IN THEIR VIEWS AS TO THE LIKELY RESULT.

MOST ARE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT ALGERIA AND THE EC CAN
NARROW THE GAP IN THE RESPECTIVE POSITIONS. WINE AND PETROLEUM
PRODUCTS ARE THE MAIN REMAINING ISSUES, BUT THERE IS ALSO THE
POLITICAL ELEMENT OF ALGERIA'S PERCEPTION OF ITS CREDIBILITY
WITH THE THIRD WORLD--I.E. IT CANNOT APPEAR TO ACCEPT TOO QUICKLY
THESE NEW LINKS WITH A LARGE INDUSTRIALIZED BLOC. GREENWALD

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